**Motion Classifications**

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| **Type:** | **Purpose:** | **Examples:** |
|  Main Motion | Brings business before the body | Motion to consider a new lawMotion to adopt a resolutionMotion to amend the city code |
|  Subsidiary Motion | Modifies or disposes of the main motion | Motion to “lay on the table”Motion to amend the main motionMotion to postpone (definitely or indefinitely)Motion to limit or extend limits of debate |
|  Privileged Motion | Deals with matters of immediate importance | Motion to adjournMotion to take a recessMotion to rise to a question of privilegeMotion to call for the orders of the day |
|  Incidental Motion | -Various- | Motion to suspend the rulesMotion to withdraw another motionMotion to object to considerationMotion to rise to a point of orderMotion to rise to parliamentary inquiry |

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|  | **May Interrupt a Speaker** | **Requires a Second** | **Debatable** | **Vote Required** |
| **Privileged Motions** |  |  |  |  |
| 1. To fix time to which to adjourn
 | No | Yes | Limited | Majority |
| 1. To adjourn (unqualified)
 | No | Yes | No | Majority |
| 1. To take a recess
 | No | Yes | Limited | Majority |
| 1. To rise to a question of privilege
 | Yes | No | No | Chairperson Rules |
| 1. To call for the orders of the day
 | Yes | No | No | None |
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| **Subsidiary Motions** |  |  |  |  |
| 1. To lay on the table
 | No | Yes | No | Majority |
| 1. To call for the previous question
 | No | Yes | No | 2/3 |
| 1. To limit or extend limits of debate
 | No | Yes | Limited | 2/3 |
| 1. To postpone definitely
 | No | Yes | Limited | Majority |
| 1. To refer to a committee
 | No | Yes | Limited | Majority |
| 1. To amend
 | No | Yes | Yes | Majority |
| 1. To postpone indefinitely
 | No | Yes | Yes | Majority |
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| **Main Motions** |  |  |  |  |
| 1. A. General main motions
 | No | Yes | Yes | Majority |
|  B. Specific main motions |  |  |  |  |
|  To take from the table | No | Yes | No | Majority |
|  To reconsider | Yes | Yes | Yes | Majority |
|  To reconsider and enter on the minutes | Yes | Yes | No | None until called for |
|  To rescind | No | Yes | Yes | 2/3 |
|  To expunge | No | Yes | Yes | 2/3 |
|  To adopt a resolution | No | Yes | Yes | Majority |
|  To adjourn (qualified) | No | Yes | Limited | Majority |
|  To create orders of the day (special) | No | Yes | Yes | General: Majority; Special: 2/3 |
|  To amend (constitution, etc.) | No | Yes | Yes | 2/3 |
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| **Incidental Motions** |  |  |  |  |
|  To suspend rules | No | Yes | No | 2/3 |
|  To withdraw a motion | No | No | No | Majority |
|  To read papers | No | Yes | No | Majority |
|  To object to consideration | Yes | No | No | 2/3 |
|  To rise to a point of order | Yes | No | No | Chairperson Rules or Majority |
|  To rise to parliamentary inquiry | Yes | No | No | None |